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METHOD OF THE UNIT)

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for **one (1) month**. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is **\$120.00**.

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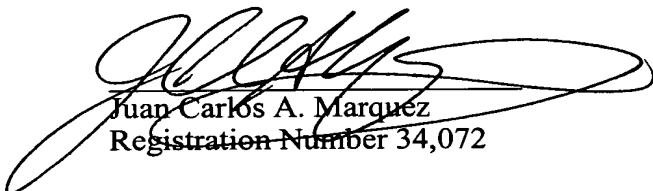
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